

GARMENT MEN'S DINNER REGULAR LUCULLAN FEAST

Hooverized, Yes, but There
Was Wine Aplenty for
Enthusiastic Toasts.

The ninth annual dinner and dance of the Garment Salesmen's Association, in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria last night and this morning, was the ninth wonder of New York. It doesn't make any difference what the other eight wonders of the Gotham Village are; it's only the ninth and last that counts.

But why call a steam shovel a wonder? To call it a dinner would be to Hooverize language. It was a Lucullan feast, one of the last that dear old Oscar will furnish in the old

home which has been his since it was a hole in the ground. It was the sixth annual shot that Oscar threw into the locker of the Garment Salesmen's Association, and Oscar was there last night to shake hands and pat his old pals on the back, and there were many affectionate words for the old landmark of Fifth Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street.

The ballroom was a wilderness of American flags. Back of the dais at which Gov. Whitman was the principal guest there were great silken banners of the red, white and blue and bunches and standards besides. The balconies were canopied with the national colors, and along the sides ran the starry emblem. And under the canopies of the Stars and Stripes were dainty tables at which dainty women sat and smiled and sang and laughed and made eyes at the merry-makers on the floor below.

The salesmen travel far and near all the year around. They go South and North and West, and always about this time of year they come East. For this is the time that the buyers reach New York from all over the country. The roadsters handle the things that adorn beauty—cloaks and suits, dresses and skirts, waists and furs all "ready to wear." They know the things which please the women, and last night they showed that they were masters of their art. A rare lot of good fellows are those

Garment Salesmen Who Have Invaded New York for Styles Put in a Night at a More or Less Hooverized Banquet



knights of the grip, the rollicking men of the road. And the rare entertainment was in keeping with the standards they have set when roaming afar. Each table had its head, who was the host of the gathering about him. Each table bore roses and carnations for the ladies, and under each cover was a tiny silken flag. The gowns of the ladies—well, the linen and silver weren't the only things that shimmered under the electric lights.

And the music was up to the occasion, all the way from Hawaii and back to the memory of Harrigan and Hart. Gov. Whitman was escorted to his place when the banquet was in full flower by Second Vice President Harry L. Haas and Editor John M. O'Connor of the Cloak and Suit Review. And the band played "Hail to the Chief" and everybody stood up and shouted "Hurrah!"

The first toast of the evening offered by President W. H. Hoar was to that other great President, Woodrow Wilson.

"God bless him!" cried President Hoar. "We're with him in everything he does, and may he have grace and strength to accomplish all

his aims." And the response to that sentiment made the silver rattle, and the Stars and Stripes rustle. And it was drunk standing in wine that had the sparkle of the bright eyes that

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glowed above shimmering throats, and—it was a regular Hoover banquet. Mr. Hoover never said anything about economizing on wine—dear old Mr. Hoover, bless him for his forgetfulness—and the wine was as plentiful as the snows in the recent weeks in the streets of New

York. The Governor drove up on the water wagon. The only smile he got he furnished for himself. He sipped his water and never once smacked his lips. But when the band played "And Another Little Drink Wouldn't Do Us Any Harm," the Governor

looked longing—er—laughingly on. He reserved his punch for his speech. President Hoar is a good old sport. He's one of the wheel horses of the association and one of the best beloved of the bunch. It's Mr. W. H. when he presides, but it's "Oh, you Bill!" out of doors. He knows how to lend dignity to any and every occasion. For listen! He was Mayor of Fanwood, N. J., for eight years, and would have been still had he so ordained.

Fanwood! Isn't that a peach for a baseball community or a knight of the road? "Did I make any reforms?" replied the ex-Mayor. "Bless me, no! There were none to be made. Fanwood is and always was perfect—perfect, sir!"

The host of one merry table was William Quigley. Yes, it was the same old Bill Quigley of Harvard, who in the old days was the star catcher for the Crimson and a star slugger of the gridiron. Say! When that band played that good old Harvard tune that ends with "And to hell with Yale," Bill just had to hold himself down and smile at his pal, Robert S. Watts, who grinned down to him from the dais. Mr. Quigley is a wonder of a salesman and still a member of the New York Athletic Club.

After the dinner and the speeches by Gov. Whitman and President Hoar the floor was cleared and dancing was begun.

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